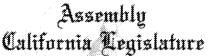
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RE: Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Administrative Oversight

To the members of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission:

I invite you to support AB 1511, a bill I introduced this year to update the statutes governing the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. The measure moves the commission's administrative oversight from the State Water Resources Control Board to the Coastal Conservancy, which will better facilitate the commission's goals and objectives.

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission updated and adopted the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan (now identified as the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan) in October 2018. This plan identifies the goals and objectives for restoring and enhancing the Bay and its watershed. Implementation of the plan would be best served by having the State Coastal Conservancy, which has provided grant funding and support for the plan in the past, overseeing the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

AB 1511, in addition to moving the commission's oversight, requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Chair of the Bay Watershed Council of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to enter into a memorandum of understanding that ensures greater coordination of state programs affecting the Santa Monica Bay, and that delineates the authority of the commission and its governance structure. The bill also updates and specifies the purposes of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

I believe this measure will improve coordination between the many entities working to enhance the Bay and help the commission achieve its goals. I hope you will join me in supporting AB 1511.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 50th District

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